

City Council

Study Session Summary

September 12, 2017
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Councilmember Jay Keany
Councilmember Chris Leh
Councilmember Susan Loo
Councilmember Dennis Maloney
Councilmember Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Balser
Rob Zuccaro, Planning Director
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk
Sam Light, City Attorney

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Muckle.

Discussion/Training – Land Use/Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing Process and Rules

City Attorney Light reviewed duties of the Council as quasi-judges in the land use process. He noted the fundamental fairness of process is more important than the decision itself.

He reviewed the difference between legislative acts, administrative acts, and quasi-judicial cases. Quasi-judicial cases require notice, a hearing, a record-based decision made by a fair and impartial judge. Redress is in district court and the question is if the process was proper, not the land use proposal itself.

He discussed proper procedure, preparation and the hearing process. Members discussed some possible hearing process changes they may want to incorporate into meetings, how best to handle questions before the public hearing, what the legal standards are, and how evidence and public comments are presented.

Members discussed various ways to discuss quasi-judicial items with the public and what is appropriate and/or legal and what is not.

Members discussed various ideas on what changes they might want to consider to the processes and how to respond to questions outside of the quasi-judicial process.

City Attorney Light discussed how applying applicable criteria is the key to the decision making for land use cases.

Members reviewed and discussed some case studies and how PUD criteria are applied.

Advanced Agenda and Future Meeting Schedule

Members reviewed the advanced agenda and discussed some items for the January 2018 schedule.

Councilmember Loo gave a report from that morning's Commuting Solutions meeting.

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10 PM

Submitted by Meredyth Muth
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